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Topics for February



Endeavorers Witness in Parade

Youth Plan Christian Endeavor Week

February 2 Final Date For Citizenship Contest Entries

For Christ and the Church

The General Secretary

Pioneer Mission Work

The idea of helping to organize the first Negro church of General Baptists started in the Christian Endeavor society of the First Church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, a few weeks ago.

Things are happening. Other Christian Endeavor units are being invited to join in this pioneer endeavor. It is expected that the project will soon come into being. Hazel Ketcherside, 1307 North 10th St., Poplar Bluff, Missouri, is spearheading the efforts. This is truly Christian Endeavor — loyal to the church and active in its mission projects.



Dr. Gene Stone

Williams in Paris

Rev. R. Ward Williams and his wife, Terry, are in Paris, France, where they are preparing for missionary work in North Africa. They will be at 27 Rue du Rhin, Paris 19, France, until June. Ward served for a number of years as field secretary of the Illinois Christian Endeavor Union.

India Bound

Wilma Maassen, former president of the Iowa Christian Endeavor Union, sailed from New York December 5 for India. For several months Wilma studied at Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn. She will do educational missionary work and will live at 17 Millers Road, Bangalore, South India.

Honored in Pennsylvania

Dr. John D. Duff, a member of International Society for many years, was recently re-elected President of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association.

Harry G. Kuch, former president of the Pennsylvania C. E. Union, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sabbath School Association of the Keystone State.

Fiscal Year Changed

The fiscal year of the International Society is now the calendar one. Action to change from the period April 1 through March 31 was taken at a special meeting of Corporation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor held

in Hotel Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, December 7.

Best Wishes "Tina"

The resignation of Christina E. MacAskill as executive secretary of the Massachusetts C. E. Union, becomes effective January 3.

Tina, as her many friends call her, has served in the Massachusetts state office nearly 15 years and has been executive secretary for most of that time.

While Tina will not be at the office at 41 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, she will continue in many Christian Endeavor activities including work as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society and the Educational Committee.

Rev. Earle Gates Honored

New honors have come to Rev. Earle W. Gates, member of the Executive Committee of International Society and writer of the comments for the Senior-Young People's topics in *The World*.

December 5 the Boy Scout Council of Buffalo gave him the Silver Beaver Award for high distinction in Boy Scout circles. Mr. Gates was not present to receive the honors as he was busy participating in Christian Endeavor meetings in Columbus. Congratulations, Earle.

Dauphin Fellowship Marks Tenth Year

The Dauphin County Christian Endeavor Fellowship held its Tenth Jubilee Anniversary Banquet in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 8, with 570 people present.

J. G. MacDannald was re-elected president of the organization which is composed of more than



J. G. MacDannald

1,000 Christian Endeavor alumni. Mr. MacDannald was the organizer of the Fellowship which holds two big events a year.

Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of International Society of Christian Endeavor, was the speaker for the occasion.

Honors were paid to Mr. and Mrs. MacDannald on the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

COVER

Roa-noke (Virginia) Christian Endeavor Union participated in their City's Christmas parade, which was witnessed by the largest crowd ever to see a march in Roa-noke. Besides the float with youth who sang carols two decorated cars filled with Endeavorers were in line.

— Photo by Preston Leech.

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January 25 - February 1

Great Host Of Youth Prepare For Christian Endeavor Week

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Building with Christ . .

All around the world they're getting ready for the big birthday celebration. Thousands of youth will mark the 72nd anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor with many varieties of services and activities during Christian Endeavor Week January 25-February 1. The theme will be "Strive to Know—Dare to Believe."

Preparations for special church services, banquets, rallies, radio and television broadcasts, and special projects are underway.

Millions To See Posters

Christian Endeavor outdoor advertising panels will be seen by millions along the highways and streets of cities in the United States and Canada.

The closing for entries in the second International Citizenship Award Contest will come at the end of the week. Young people 15 through 19 years of age are eligible to enter this contest with awards totaling \$1,000 in cash and a trip to the International Christian Endeavor convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27.

Youth entering must send their Notification of Participation to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, no later than February 2.

It's Mobilization Time

The time of Christian Endeavor's anniversary will also see intensified efforts in the Membership Mobilization of the International Society. During January and February the campaign is on for the annual enrollment of Christian Endeavorers and their friends in the work of the Christian Endeavor Movement. State and provincial unions have directors of this work which is under the leadership of Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of the International Society. Many will be rallying to the cause of youth by becoming annual members of International Society by making a contribution of \$10, becoming sustaining members by giving \$25 or more, or becoming a life member contributing \$200.

It is estimated that more than twenty

million persons have taken the Christian Endeavor pledge since the first society of Christian Endeavor was organized by the late Dr. Francis E. Clark in the Wiliston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, February 2, 1881. From the original group with 57 members the Christian Endeavor idea swiftly spread around the world. Many other church youth organizations have been formed since which are along the pattern set by Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan of Washington, D. C., president of the International Society, has urged Endeavorers to get mayors of cities and governors to issue Christian Endeavor Week proclamations.

Packets Available

Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, executive secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, edited the manual for Christian Endeavor Week. This and many other valuable materials are in the Christian Endeavor Week packet which is available from the International Society headquarters at Columbus, Ohio.

Theme: Strive to Know—Dare to Believe

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Richard Pruiksmas Says —

The first words of our Christian Endeavor pledge are perhaps the best guide for our resolutions for the new year. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus for strength I promise Him that I will strive to do that which He would have me do . . ."

Each year commercial establishments go through the necessary procedure of taking inventory of their resources. They seek to determine the company's gains and losses in order to formulate a more efficient way to operate their business.

Inventory Time . .

At this time of the year it is good to take inventory of our own lives. We should stop to consider our resources and our willingness to serve God. In so doing we can find a way to serve God more effectively. J. B. Phillips, in his translation of the letter to the Philippians relates Philippians 3:13-14 as follows ". . . I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal—my reward the honour of being called by God in Christ."

This is a perfect Scriptural guide for a new start in the new year. We must forget past things and be determined to give our best now. Consider these following questions with me. Have you really given your all to God in service? Are you satisfied with what you are now doing for Him? If not, why not? The answer to these questions lies in your hands. The solution is for you to resolve to serve God more fully.

In order to be a really effective servant for God we must be wholly dedicated to His cause. This is a time for re-consideration of our faith in Jesus Christ. Re-dedicate yourself and then, and then only, can God use you in His work.

Serve In Your Church . .

The Church is calling young people into service. It needs young leaders who are not afraid to stand up for that which is right for the cause of Christ. Go to your minister and tell him that you would like to help in the work of your church. He will use you where you are needed.

Opportunities for Youth in 1953

Ann S. Fulton Says —

1953! A new year! What are we going to do with it. As we look forth to this new year let us pause for a moment at the threshold to give thanks for new opportunities. Have we realized our obligations to make this "A Happy New Year" for everyone with whom we come in contact and the possibilities for Christian service as we "strive to do whatever He would like to have us do."

Go Into Action . .

What opportunities shall we have in 1953? Our greatest obligation is to put our Christianity into action and to let others see it in action.

Our first opportunity is right in our own churches and societies. There we can be faithful and cooperative in the work of the church by regular attendance, participation, and loyalty.

Making our community conscious of Christ and the Church is our next great opportunity. We should support worthwhile community projects, practice Christian citizenship, and have a friendly interest in our neighbors.

Witness for Christ . .

Friends offer us a great challenge to witness for Christ. By the jokes we laugh at, the words we say, the recreation in which we engage we have an opportunity to show our friends just where we stand.

Yes, this is the end of an old year and the beginning of a new one. We are always at an exit and an entrance. We have the old one behind us and the new one in front of us. We have finished only

to begin again. This new year may ever be watchful for our opportunity to serve Christ and make Him known to those who know Him not.

Lorena Trimmer Says —

With the beginning of a new year Christian Endeavor young people throughout the world have many opportunities for Christian service.

We must forget the past year and look ahead. Christ is calling each one to service for Him. Will we accept this challenge and go forward for Christ and Church? I am certain we will answer with the words of Dr. Poling's song, "choose Christ, we choose Christ, choose Christ. Whatever the cost, v' banners unfurled, to build a new world we choose Christ, we choose Christ."

Training for Leadership . .

We should take an active part in activities of our church such as teaching a Sunday school class, singing in church choir, inviting others to church services, and taking part in Christian Endeavor meetings by leading, singing, playing the piano, offering prayer, attending recreational activities and actively participating. By doing these things we are being trained for greater leadership in our church and Christian Endeavor work.

We should not only be leaders in our church but also in our community. Plan Christian Endeavor rallies, socials, campfires, and programs for special occasions for all young people in the community. Publicize these events but never forget a personal invitation. Also take an active part in civic affairs. Everyone should exercise his right to vote.

Let The Light Shine . .

Let us witness for Christ in our everyday life, at school and at work. If we let the light of Jesus Christ shine out in all we do others will want to know our secret. May we have as our motto, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, we will confess Christ, serve Christ, be loyal to Christ's Church, and have fellowship with Christ's people."



Lorena Trimmer



Richard Pruiksmas



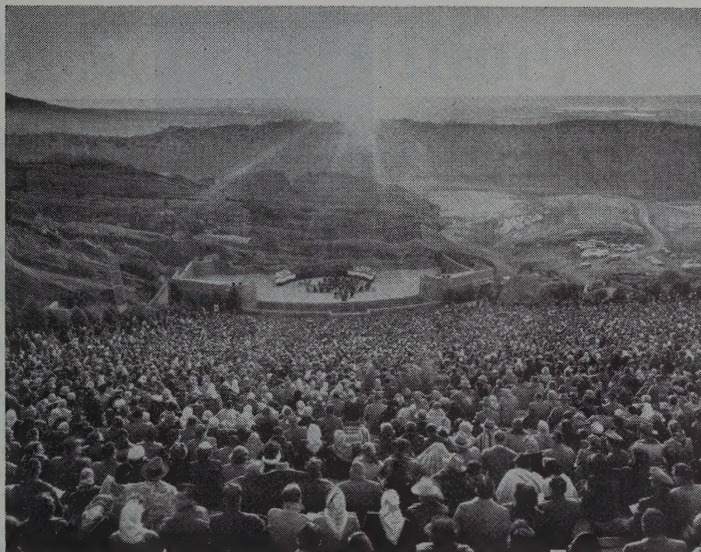
Ann S. Fulton

The Voice of Youth . .

The Youth Committee of the Pennsylvania C.E. Union is headed by Lorena Trimmer of Mechanicsburg, who is a trustee of the Youth Assembly of the International Society. Richard Pruiksmas of Clinton, New Jersey, is chairman of the Youth Assembly. Ann Fulton of Richmond, Virginia, won the Southern Regional honors in the Christian Citizenship Contest. She is a member of the Youth Assembly.



Todd Duncan



Red Rocks Amphitheater



Dorothy Maynor

World Famous Soloists to Sing at Convention in Denver

World famous Dorothy Maynor and Todd Duncan will sing at the 42nd International Christian Endeavor convention to be held in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27.

These great soloists will present an evening of sacred music at the mass meeting of the convention Tuesday, June 24, in the Red Rocks outdoor amphitheater, according to announcement made by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, chairman of the Program Committee of the International Society.

It is expected that more than 10,000 will be in attendance for the session in the unique and beautiful out-of-door auditorium just outside of Colorado's capital City.

Both Dorothy Maynor and Todd Duncan have appeared at the Red Rocks Amphitheater before. They are known throughout the United States for their singing, which has made a number of concert tours around the world.

Dorothy Maynor, who is the daughter of a minister, is the wife of Dr. Shelby Brooks, pastor of St. James Presbyterian

Church in New York City. It has been declared by many that this American soprano has one of the greatest voices of our time.

The popular baritone, Todd Duncan, has won personal and musical fame in many areas. He is well known for his role in the musical play, "Cry the Beloved Country," when he was the Zulu minister who left his humble flock to search for his son who had gone astray in the great city of Johannesburg.

Seek Registrations

The registration contest for state and provincial unions for the convention in Denver opens January 1 and continues through May 31. Goals have been set for the various unions. Many awards will be given to individuals, societies, district and state unions. Registrations will be \$3.00 until May 31, after which the fee will be \$4.00. Harold E. Westerhoff is

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Registrations for the International Convention may be sent to state or provincial union offices or to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

directing this campaign.

A committee of more than 65 people under the leadership of William Earl Martin is planning the details for the places of meeting, housing, parade, and other activities at Denver. Every effort is being made for the comfort of the delegates.

Fellowship Tour Scheduled

One of the famous International Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tours has been arranged in connection with the convention. This will originate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and will include sightseeing on the way to Denver and following the sessions. A visit to Sun Valley, Idaho, and Yellowstone National Park are among the features. J. Allen Tucker, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Middle Atlantic region, will be the personal director. Information may be secured from Mr. Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania, or Harold E. Westerhoff, Manager, Tour Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

... Unions Compete In Registration Contest ...

A Word . . for The New Year

THIS word comes to you from London where I am having a day and a half of good fellowship with the Rev. Andrew Wright, Luther Gibbs formerly of Jamaica, and other British Endeavor friends before flying to Rome to meet Italian Christian Endeavor leaders, to the Bible Lands Union (Syria-Lebanon), to India, to Japan, to the Hawaiian Islands for meetings on the islands of Maui and Oahu, and then back home in time to start the New Year.

A New Year is ahead. Are we ready for it? Are we thinking about making the most of it? Have we lived so well during the past year that we won't need to make any good resolutions for the New Year? What do we expect to accomplish "for Christ and the Church" during the New Year? Are we growing in the Christian life as each new year rolls around with such frequency? Whose new year will next year be? Will it be God's? A lot will depend on how we answer such questions as these and then what we do about the answers.

Our Australian Endeavor colleagues have set goals for the New Year in terms of evangelism—new souls won for the Kingdom of Christ. The British leaders are thinking in terms of evangelism and also in terms of society organization. In the London headquarters more than 3,200 societies are registered (there is no charge for registration but it's a roll call and enables the headquarters to have a complete record of societies, churches, officers, type of society, and number of members). They look to the task of organizing more societies in the months ahead and helping those now in operation to be increasingly effective. Other national unions have set up missionary goals, Bible study programs, building restoration plans, expanded visitation efforts and wholehearted participation in the World Friendship Crusade, which Dr. Gene Stone presented to the Honolulu Conference last summer, and which was enthusiastically adopted not only by that Conference of Area I but also by the Area II Conference held in Rome last October.

The biggest event for our 1953 year in North America is the international convention in Denver June 22-27. Out of that will come a new and challenging program for the years 1953-55. Our task now is to get ready for that convention and the new biennial. That means prayer preparation. That means coming to Denver, if at all possible, and urging others to do likewise. That means sending help and encouragement and suggestions to our staff in Columbus. That means looking forward with eager anticipation to the new program to be announced at Denver and a will and a determination to make it effective in our own lives, in our churches and societies, and in our Christian Endeavor unions.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan



Urge New Efforts in Evangelism at Rome Meeting

A challenge for greater support of work of evangelism and the manifestation of the spirit of brotherhood was issued at the conference of Area No. 1 of the World's Christian Endeavor Union held in Rome, Italy, October 7-14.

Dr. James Kelly of Scotland, chairman of the sessions with Rev. Andrew Wright as secretary. Dr. David A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, gave several addresses. Representatives from eleven national unions.

The conference passed the following resolutions:

1. That it will do all in its power to encourage the youth of every land to extend and deepen its work for Christ and the Church. It challenges them to support and undertake the work of Evangelism, believing that the true hope of mankind is found in spiritual reality and that only as the nations of the world turn to the way of Christ can there be peace and blessing.

2. It denounces the spirit of intolerance both religious or political which manifest in Italy; Spain; South America and other lands. It believes that Freedom for Worship is a vital principle which must be recognized and observed if man is to enjoy a full life and if the nations of the world are to find peace.

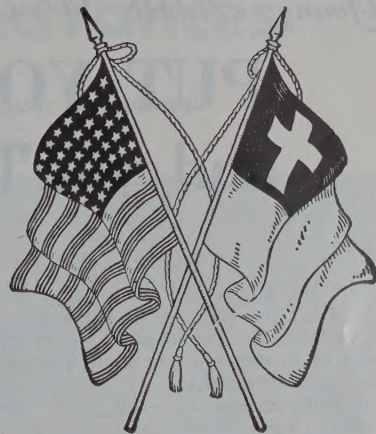
3. It would support the World Friendship Crusade launched by Area I of the World's Christian Endeavor Union at the Conference in Honolulu, July 26-30, 1952, which calls for the removal of barriers that hamper the development of true inter-racial brotherhood. It calls upon its members throughout the world to manifest the spirit of brotherhood and to oppose in the name of Christ, Saviour of the World, all prejudice, threat, or violence which prevents true unity of mankind.

FOR YOUR C. E. BIRTHDAY

There is still time to secure a Christian Endeavor Week Packet filled with information to help make the celebration of Christian Endeavor's anniversary the best ever in your society and union. Order today from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. The price is 50c each.

February 2 Is Deadline In Citizenship Contest

Christian Endeavor's Birthday is Last Day for Applications—Awards Totaling \$1,000.00 and a Trip to Denver, Colorado, Will be Given Youth by International Society.



February 2 is the deadline for entries in the Christian Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Youth 15 through 19 years of age in the United States and Canada are eligible to participate. Awards totaling \$1,000.00 in cash and a trip to the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27 will be given.

In order to enter a youth must send a Notification of participation to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, by February 2. Entries postmarked no later than that date will be valid.

Awards will be made on the basis of "A Letter to My Congressman" or for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship," and a Christian Citizenship Service Record of the participant. These must be in the hands of the state or provincial judges by March 1.

Details of this second citizenship contest have been announced as follows:

Awards

International

A cash award of \$250.00 will be given to the top ranking youth contestant in the United States or Canada, plus a free all-expense trip to the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention, in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27.

A cash award of \$150.00 will be given to the second place winner and a cash award of \$75.00 will be given to the youth contestant ranking third. A cash award of \$50.00 will be given to each of the next six runners-up.

Regional

The first place winner in each of the nine regions will be eligible for the International awards as listed above. The runner-up in each of the nine regions will receive a cash award of \$25.00. Certificates of Recognition will be awarded to all regional winners.

State and Provincial

Certificates of Recognition will be awarded the winners of the state and provincial contests.

Participation

Request official entry blanks from your state or provincial Christian Endeavor office or from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Send *Notification of Participation* by February 2, to the Christian Citizenship Director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Prepare double-spaced typewritten copies (in triplicate) of "A Letter to My Congressman" or for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject, "I SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP."

1. Keep in mind the contest purpose.
2. Show evidence of understanding the Christian faith by demonstrated Christian Citizenship.

Notification of Participation

(Request for official entry blanks)
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD
CONTEST

(Valid only if postmarked no later than
Feb. 2, 1953)

Christian Citizenship Director
International Society of Christian Endeavor
1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio

I hereby enter the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD CON-
TEST ☐

Please send me the official entry blanks
and other information. ☐

I have requested official entry blanks from
my state or provincial Christian Endeavor
Union office. ☐
(Please check above statements)

Name
(Please Print)

Street and Number

City and State

Local Church
(Denomination)

Date of Birth
I agree to observe the rules and conditions
outlined above.

Signature of Applicant

3. Study your community and the responsibility which youth has to combat the evils of Communism, narcotics, liquor traffic, gambling, and prejudice.

Send letter and citizenship service record to the board of judges whose address will be furnished when you send your *Notification of Participation* to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. These must be in the hands of the board of judges of the contestant's state or province no later than March 1.

Basis of Awards

The Christian Endeavor CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARDS will be granted on the basis of Christian character, service as a Christian citizen and an understanding of Christian responsibility as evidenced by:

- I. An understanding of the Christian faith and its application for present day living in community situations. This should be incorporated in "A Letter to My Congressman" or "A Letter to My M.P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject, "I SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP." This should present the author's personal study of the opportunity and responsibility a young person has in his own community for Christian Citizenship in combating the evils of Communism, the liquor traffic, narcotics, gambling, and prejudice. Emphasis also should be on Christian Citizenship in the home, in recreation and in civic responsibility. The letter will count for sixty percent of the total score in the judging.
- II. A citizenship service record which demonstrates the purpose of the individual's life and work. A further illustration of this should be seen in the following:
 - (a) An appreciation of and willingness to accept Christian responsibility in his home, his church, his community and his country; a concern for good government.
 - (b) Christian character and education. Attitude toward others and evidence of growth in leadership and range of interests. An understanding of his chosen vocation as a Christian.

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PUT YOURSELF IN HIS SHOES ..and you'll take MISSIONS seriously!

By Bert H. Davis

CAN you put yourself in someone else's place? Are you able to see life through his or her eyes? Do his problems, or hers, begin to trouble you, just as if they were your own difficulties?

If your imagination—and your conscience—will work along such lines, at least part of the time, you will probably be an exceedingly useful Christian. You will be what Charles P. Taft has termed "a volunteer who is a spontaneous participant," at work in the local church and also in the wider areas of Christian outreach and service.

Particularly we need this feeling of being in the other person's shoes when we think about our own relationship to the Church's missionary opportunities and obligations.

Imagine, first, that you are a Young Adult or a younger person, or even the small child of a Young Adult. The country in which you live, or the particular setting or situation within our own land, is largely non-Christian. You didn't grow up with a Sunday school near your home. Nobody whom you knew at all well has been active in Christian work or interested in bringing you to the Saviour. You'd frequently hear Christian pastors and teachers criticized or ridiculed. You would have known little or nothing of the ministrations of Christian doctors and nurses.

Suppose a member of your family died. You would think of him as gone forever—for it is only in the Christian faith that we have full assurance and glad confidence that we shall meet loved ones in the life to come.

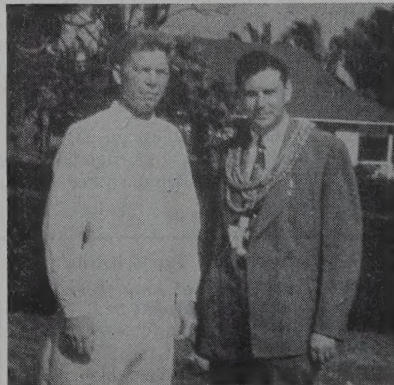
All would be so different as soon as you changed yourself in your thinking to a Young Adult in a region where Christianity is still a missionary venture.

Or perhaps it would be easier to imagine yourself the missionary sent to represent Christ and His Church among those who are strangers to both. Now you have become personally responsible, through your dedication to God, for bringing life and hope and health to those who have been living outside the area in which there are churches for all and an atmosphere in which Christianity is a working force.

Your missionary activities, and mine, begin with imagining that we are someone other than whom we are—an unredeemed child of God, waiting for missions to serve him, or someone whom we've sent out from our privileged city and country churches to bring the Gospel to those otherwise unreached by Christians' helping hands.

Before you plan a program or a project, before you tackle ways and means, try imagining yourself as actively in the missionary situation. Pray for an identity with the missions cause. Pray for guidance as to your own place in the partnership of bringing Christ to these places and conditions which you probably never see for yourself, but to which you can make yourself responsive.

Speakers from the missions fields . . . books which give an intimate view of the needs and what the church does to meet needs . . . audio-visual presentations of the missionary challenge—all these will help missions to come alive, as if a part of our lives were to be directly applied to this great portion of the Church's ministry to the world.



Mission Work With Lepers . . .

Dr. "Red" Caver (left) talks with Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, at the leper colony of Kalapapa on Molokai Island in Hawaii. Dr. Bryan visited Kalapapa last summer to see the splendid Christian Endeavor society there.

For your part, and your group's share, in missionary advance, the International Society of Christian Endeavor urges that you undertake some definite forms of action. Be more than just an understanding well-wisher for missionary achievement. Set your hopes and goodwill to work. Be practical at the home base, just as your missionary representative must be practical when working at a school in the mountains, or in a hospital in Burma, or as a street preacher in Africa or South America.

Young Adults have abilities and skills,

and some funds of their own. Suddenly you can see yourself and the Young Adult unit in which you have membership leadership as *much more able* to aid missionary advance than was true when you were just a few years younger!

Christian Endeavor is now well launched in its World Friendship Crusade. You Adults are urged to take on some or of these practical objectives, proposed by General Secretary Gene Stone for You Adults in particular:

1. Stake your own claim in a mission project of your own denomination or in interdenominational missions work.

Your pastor and the Home (or National) or Foreign Missions offices of your denomination will help you find specific needs with which you can work and on which you will receive periodic reports of accomplishments. The International Society of Christian Endeavor also has projects in view, by which your unit may minister to children or young people or You Adults in missionary lands and areas in which this movement serves. Get connected somewhere! Stake your claim for giving definite results in missions work!

2. Encourage and provide financial help to students and others in local churches, like your own, so they may participate in work and projects in the missionary fields.

For helpful suggestions, see "Invest Your Summer," issued by the United Christian Endeavor Movement. Write to the International Society or to your State Union for further counseling to this objective.

3. Help provide CARE packages to be distributed to the needy in many countries.

4. Find a local or nearby agency, or perhaps more than one agency, through which you as a group share in practical missionary action.

One denomination has been collecting used clothing, bedding, layettes, soap, shoes and medical supplies which are distributed to the needy by community missions workers. Unusually specially designated, the distribution may be for foreign points as well as in the more limited areas of need in our own continent. Some of the home missions centers arrange to sell used clothing and other necessities at modest prices in such a way, missionaries help those of limited means to retain self-respect and yet receive the things they need. There are many variations of the "gifts in kind" (meaning materials or supplies, rather than cash) with which your church missions leaders can acquaint you. Some of the most timely projects in home missions today are the aid to Displaced Persons who have come to this country and work among us.

Know the needs, try to put yourself in the other person's place and see life through his or her eyes, and you will find yourself and your group working hard and unselfishly in Christian missions.

Leaders Expect New Advances

Enthusiasm High at Largest Session of Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference and Program Council in Columbus, Ohio



YOUTH DIRECTORS SPEAK—Denominational leaders discussed value of Christian Endeavor at Columbus Conference. They are (left to right): Rev. William N. Gibson, General Baptist; Dr. R. W. Rash, United Brethren in Christ; Rev. George Blackwell, African Methodist Episcopal Church, and B. McClain Cochran, moderator for panel.

New ideas and plans for the advancing Christian Endeavor were presented and discussed at the sessions of the Program Council and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference which met in Columbus, Ohio.

Leaders from throughout the United States and Canada participated in the meetings December 5-8, which were the largest attended in recent years.

Denominational youth directors in a panel discussion were enthusiastic in declaring that Christian Endeavor can truly give youth today because it presents a Christ-centered program, is a training school, provides an outlet for youth, is an ecumenical movement, and makes the young person conscious that he belongs to something big.

B. McClain Cochran, a vice-president of the International Society, moderated the panel which was composed of Dr. R. W. Rash, United Brethren in Christ; Rev. William N. Gibson, General Baptist, and Rev. George Blackwell, African Methodist Episcopal Zion.

Develop World Friendship Ideas

Helps for union leaders were presented at conferences by Paul Hurley of the Educational Committee. Suggestions for the theme, "Build With Christ Through World Friendship" are: write pen pals, contact a union in a foreign country and exchange materials, have unions do handwork that can be displayed, carry the theme on letterheads and stationery, and support mission work.



OFFICERS INSTALLED—Dr. Frederick L. Mintel inducts leaders of Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference. They are (left to right): Charles O. Heyward, nominee for Executive Committee; James G. Laing, treasurer; Phyllis Foos, secretary, and Julian Moran, president. LaVerne H. Boss, vice-president, was not present for picture.

Dr. Samuel Haas, president of New Jersey Union, and professor at Bloomfield Theological Seminary, gave devotional messages each morning. Dr. R. W. Rash of Huntington, Indiana, preached at the Sunday worship service and Phyllis G. Brown, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Southern Region, taught the Sunday school lesson.

"I use Christian Endeavor topics because they are geared to young people at various age levels and help youth answer their problems," LaVerne H. Boss, associate president of International Society, stated. "They are Christ-centered and stress the importance of personal commitment and present a variety of topics."



Arch McQuilkin (left) talks with Allan J. Blair, member of Executive Committee of International Society, between sessions of Christian Endeavor Conference at Columbus Headquarters. Arch McQuilkin spoke at the banquet.

Reports of the activities of the Educational, Topics and Junior Work Committees were presented. Charles O. Heyward, field secretary for the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia area, gave ideas for work with high-schoolers while Bert Davis, well known writer and Christian Endeavor leader, stressed the importance of young adult work and made many suggestions for organizing and working out programs.

Forward March!

Rev. Earle W. Gates challenged the leaders to go forward in Christian Endeavor by praying one for another, keeping the junior and adult work active, projecting the best program possible, getting the 50 percent of churches that have no organized youth work, and being a living example of Christian Endeavor.

A high point of fellowship of the meetings was the banquet Saturday night in Hotel Fort Hayes. Arch McQuilkin was toastmaster and spoke on "What's Right With The Church." Friday evening a reception was given at the Headquarters building and Sunday a buffet supper was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gene Stone.

Dr. J. Wilson Byers, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Rocky Mountain Region, and Ralph E. May, president of Colorado Union, gave an enthusiastic and colorful presentation on the convention to be held in Denver June 22-27. Pictures were shown and

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Luke 7:1-10

(Christian Endeavor Day)

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Today is one of the great days of the year for Christian young people. It is Christian Endeavor Day, observing the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement. It is therefore Youth Day in the churches, and should be given much emphasis. Doubtless in each church special observances have been held, to make this day and this week as meaningful as possible.

A real opportunity is presented in this topic and meeting to challenge youth to new faith and commitment. Only in Christ is there hope for youth today, and the leader of this meeting should do his utmost to make it a good meeting, one that will introduce his young people to Christ, as perhaps never done before. Stress Christian Endeavor, its history, and its vast contribution to the spiritual life of youth. Emphasize especially how it may do even more in the future. There are unique characteristics about our movement, and it makes unique contributions to Christian youth. Stress the adventuresome side of Christianity, the positive nature of it, the worthwhile benefits to each one. The leader may help his associates to really "care to believe" on Christ, and so to receive His great blessing. This topic is the last half of the Christian Endeavor Week theme. "Strive to Know—Dare to Believe." Relate it to the one of last week.

Aim of the Topic

1. To point out reasons for being Christian.
2. To challenge youth sufficiently to show the courage required in standing up for Christ.

"Strive To Know—Dare To Believe"

This topic is vitally a part of last week's, for they together form a great theme that has been set apart as the theme for Christian

A SEED THOUGHT

"The heart often lives by the faith the lips deny." Discuss.

Endeavor Week.

This is a significant topic, for it encompasses two of the greatest needs of youth in this year of our Lord 1953. To know Christ and to believe in Him enough to follow Him each day represents the first great requirement for the abundant life. Too few people do strive to know Him; too many dare not follow. It remains for youth to lead the way, today, as so often in the past.

It's A Dare

There's really the spirit of adventure in following Jesus Christ. It means that every day brings new joys but it also brings new opportunities and hazards. The call of Christ is not primarily for the weak and defeated, the old and the sorrowing. It is for the brave and bold, the young and hopeful, the strong and promising. He redeems life when it has been squandered, he cleanses the one who has become stained and soiled. He lifts to new hope those who seem hopeless, it is true. But His first call is to those who have lives to invest, who wish to *avoid* the fatal errors of life, who desire the life abundant. Christ says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). Let the strong and able come forth! Let those who dare stand up for the high ideals of Christianity be counted. Let the men and women who sense the need for a more Christian social order take their places, to right the wrongs of industry, of business relationships, of prejudice and discrimination. There are works of social justice to be done, crusades for temperance, for peace, for good citizenship to be advanced. Yes, let those who are willing to take a great dare, and who are strong enough to stand by it, step forth. Dare to believe in the Way of Christ!

The Cost Of It

It's not always easy to follow Christ. To believe in Him enough to commit one's life to His Way of living calls for vision and courage of the highest order. It comes at a price. The Master never promised that the Way would be easy—but that the reward would be great. The great ones of the Cross have often proven that the price of righteousness is scorn and reproach. The Christ Himself learned that the price was a crown of thorns, and worse. It may cost one a degree of popularity, or perhaps much inconvenience, or pain. The reward comes in inner peace, and in the "well done" of the Father. Let youth count the cost of believing and following. Then courageous, in-

PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR

1. Decide how to make this the best yet for your society.
2. Begin to make plans to attend Christian Endeavor and denominational summer conferences.
3. Begin plans for taking part in the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27.
4. Plan greater inter-denominational fellowship events.

domitable Youth will doubtless take dare.

If We Do

If we dare believe in Christ (and wares NOT believe?) what is the result? First, let's think of the cost already mentioned. Many are hesitant about believing deeply because of this. What would be the cost to a young person behind the Iron Curtain who desired to live an active Christian life? Discuss the possibilities.

Then consider what that same commitment might mean to one in a modern High School or College. Is his decision well received by "the gang"? What will they say? What will they do? Name some situations where this decision could be hard to follow. What should be the attitude of this Christian? What is his resource of strength?

Let's think of this young Christian in a job where un-Christian methods are practiced or where the atmosphere is not wholesome. Name some problems that could be encountered. What is the Christian's answer to them? How much courage does it take? Why?

Now let's give a thought to the benevolence involved. What would be the reward of European youth? What benefit would American teen-ager receive from other people? Discuss who would give what. Would he receive from God? Do you think the blessings outweigh the cost? Give thoughtful reasons for your answer.

"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose true,
Dare to make it known."

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W., Jan. 28. Believe in Jesus Christ. John 3:16-19
T., Jan. 29. Believe in the Holy Spirit. John 14:15
F., Jan. 30. Believe in the Church. Eph. 5:23
S., Jan. 31. Believe in the Resurrection. John 20:26
Sun., Feb. 1. Topic—Dare to Believe. Luke 7:1
(Christian Endeavor Day.)

Dare to Believe

Second Topic in a Series on "Christian Endeavor Week — Youth Week"
Luke 7:1-10
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our Aim

- 1. To conclude Christian Endeavor Week—Youth seek in a victorious manner.
- 2. To help youth to find fresh commitment to Jesus Christ and "The Way" of faith.
- 3. To sense how faith can be translated into action.

me Out to Catch-up

The period from Christian Endeavor Sunday to Easter is to Christian youth what time out is to a basketball team. Grouped together in a huddle on the court the players use the time to catch their wind. The game has been fast and hard—this is the chance to breathe normal again. Then too, they use this time to look back at the way the game has been played. Why has that forward come through under the basket? "What's slowing up our offense?" are searching questions shot at each other.

And in those brief two minutes the players make new plans to use when the whistle resume play shrills out its note. The pre-Easter season comes to every young Christian as a time to stop rushing a dozen activities and let his soul breathe normally again in one activity—that of our relationship God.

It is a time to look back at the way the game of life has been played; to realize the mistakes that have been made. Certainly, too, it is a time to form new plans and purposes for the tomorrows of life.

le Must Commit Ourselves to the Best

Consider these resolutions which were adopted by a group of young people at a large youth convention.

"We believe that the most rational program of personal religious living is to be founded in the life and teachings of Jesus.

"We must therefore constantly seek to understand and achieve in our lives as many of the qualities of Jesus as we can.

"This commitment will result in a growing Christian personality with a concern in living about the Kingdom of God, all of which will furnish power, poise, and guidance for a creative life, serving others in life."

born Again"

The beginning of the spiritual life comes when a person is born again. God on His part imparts the new life through the agency of the Holy Spirit by the Word of God. Man's part in the transaction is to accept Christ as his Saviour. The Holy Spirit is to Himself the new life; He is a personal being, a part of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It is He who plants the new life—the life that is in Christ, God's Son—in the heart. In this work, He really acts as the Agent both of the Father and the Son.

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When this life comes in, the person who has accepted Christ becomes a "new man," a "new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:9,10; 2 Corinthians 5:17). This new life makes all Christians of one kin, or family, because the same life, from the same Source, the risen and glorified Christ, dwells in them all (Romans 8:9-11).

Believe the Bible

The Bible is our textbook. We should know it well enough to handle it efficiently. Try to gain knowledge of the Bible as a whole. Then study its main doctrines, especially salvation. Acquaint yourself with all the gospel verses so you will know which ones to apply in specific cases and practice finding them quickly. If your memory is poor, you may want to list references in your Bible.

Pray

Prayer is a must. We need to pray for a humble and submissive spirit, for courage to speak when opportunities arise, for daily guidance in approaching those whom God has convicted. We also need to pray for love and deep concern for the lost around us.

Join the Fellowship

Christ must be at the center of the fellowship of Christians. He is the standard

and test as well as the source of power. It must be remembered that He is never fully understood except as seen in the light of His purposes and purposefulness. Christ's balance of faith and realism needs to be maintained as the members of the fellowship of Christians look out upon the needs of the world. His life presents an amazing paradox of repose and activity, of the static and the active, of the permanent and the changing.

Christ's all embracing love — compassionate, sympathetic, tender, understanding, truthful, sincere, honest, just, strong, courageous, loyal, sacrificial, purposeful, active — needs to become the life study and life practice of every Christian.

Enlist

Then let's take a look at who is to do the enlisting. We are the ones, if we are active church young people, individually committed to Christ as we know Him, and trying all the time to learn more about the way of life which He taught.

Stop right there and ask the question: "How do we happen to be here and active in the church?" Let each one answer for himself briefly, in the hearing of the group.

Meditation

(Heads bowed as the leader will read slowly, pausing as indicated)

On Christian Endeavor Day let's dream a bit about the possible future of this youth group. One group found that it could double in size if those who should be members would join. Think of this group on a Sunday evening six months from now, twice this size. Think of this enlarged group in its first fall social next fall, think of it at work on some action project. . . . Suppose the new members, whom you hope to enlist, are now active. Now, see the group fifteen years hence when you will be responsible for the church program in your community. . . .

Let's dream some more. Think of some young person, who now has nothing to keep him going but his own selfish desires, six months from now an active member of the church and youth group, enthusiastic about Christian service projects and about enlisting others. . . .

But, if we mean business in these dreams, we know that it will take more than dreaming to make them come true. It *can* happen if we think it can, if we believe that these are God's dreams. Amen.

Plan Now

Endeavorers and youth of all churches are urged to begin now their planning to share in the summer conference of their denomination and also the 42nd International C. E. Convention in Denver, June 22-27.

QUIZ MATERIAL

- 1. What is religion?
- 2. How does one enter the Christian life?
- 3. How can I develop my own religious life?
- 4. Does my religion satisfy my deepest needs?
- 5. Is my religion self-centered, or does it continuously reach out to others?
- 6. Is it a growing religion?
- 7. What is meant by "being Christian"?
- 8. What are the conditions for becoming Christian?
- 9. How can we carry the spirit of Jesus into the world so that the Kingdom of God can come on earth?
- 10. What does Jesus have to say about a Kingdom of God on earth? What does He say about exploitation and injustice? About social obligation?
- 11. What is the relationship between the personal and social aspects of Christian living?
- 12. How can we aid our pastor in his evangelistic services this year?

Color Is Skin Deep

Malachi 2:10; Acts 17:22-31
(Race Relations Sunday)

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Today is national Race Relations Sunday and a most appropriate topic is presented for the occasion. "Color is Skin Deep" is but one way to emphasize the basic likeness we all share. This may be a controversial topic and one with which there might be serious clash of opinion. The leader should be well fortified with information and materials. Seek out statistics and bring along interesting facts. Look up the life history of some outstanding members of other races; note their amazing contributions to the world. Let their names and achievements be familiar to you. Try to set up some new heroes in the thinking of your group. It might be possible to have a film or some other illustrative medium for the meeting. One definite result of the meeting might well be to plan to have a speaker of another race in the near future or to plan some joint event with a group of young people whose skin is of a different color. The effort to overcome prejudice is an important one in the nation today and is a most vital issue. Anything that can be done to assist the cause will be of distinct value.

Aim of the Topic

1. To help realize the basic oneness of mankind, regardless of color.
2. To help overcome prejudice, or unfair attitudes of discrimination.

The Races of Mankind

The races of men are varied and many artificial barriers have been set up but all

TALK IT OVER

1. Define prejudice. Define equality, as a democratic concept.
2. Is there prejudice in your School? Your Church?
3. What do we mean, "We are all brothers under the skin"?
4. What would you do if a family of another race wished to share your home or neighborhood? Your Church? Your fraternity? Your job?
5. How far would YOU go in inter-racial love and co-operation?

are bound together by inseparable ties. There is an essential oneness uniting all mankind. The mere matter of skin coloring is a minor detail. The placement of color pigmentation certainly should not create feelings of superiority or inferiority, nor should it ever be the basis for special privilege. Yet prejudice, with offenders in each race, has often grimly asserted itself, and robbed otherwise intelligent people of their reason and fairness. The word prejudice, by its very derivation, means "pre-judgment," or judgment in advance of knowledge. To know truth is to change behavior.

Biological Unity

All the peoples of the earth are a single family and have a common origin. Bodies, minds, and souls are basically the same. Let's start with a lesson in anatomy. Each person has 27 bones in his hand and 26 bones in his foot, and *all* human beings have the same number, arranged in exactly the same way. And the heart is in the same place, as are the lungs, the liver, the eyes, the nose. These similarities are not accidental. They point toward the brotherhood of man. Size of the body varies, and there are large and small bodies in every race. The size of the head is sometimes thought to be an index to intelligence, but is not a true standard. The biggest head on record belonged to an imbecile — and one of the smallest to Sir Walter Scott, the great English novelist. Even the brain itself proves nothing. Eleven different scientists once examined the brains of different peoples throughout the world — and found no recognizable difference in their structure. Every race has individuals just as brilliant, and just as stupid, as any other.

Blood is often said to be a distinguishing factor, but it points more clearly than other means to the basic likeness of all men. Human blood is all chemically identical. Difference may be clearly noted under a microscope between human and animal blood, but not a whit of difference is there among that of various races. The only area of difference is in the "clotting" quality — and that is impartially found among all peoples. Your blood is classified as A, B, AB, and O, according to how it clots when transfused. Some of each type is found in every part of the world. Hence, you may be a "blood brother" of a native of Africa or Europe, or Asia, but have a different blood type than mother or dad here at home.

It is thought that originally all people must have had a tan skin. As they moved out across the face of the earth, special skin colors developed, due to local conditions.

A SEED THOUGHT

"If we are sons of the Father, we act as brothers together."

Analyze this statement.

The very light is now found in northern Europe, the yellow in Asia, and the dark brown or black in Africa and other areas. In North America there is a general distribution of all, with a special variation, sometimes known as the red. Truly color is skin-deep. It is not the proper basis for deciding privileges or opportunity. Christian Youth may lead the way in eliminating many of the abuses.

Year by year we move along the road of progress. In the majority of states the voting privilege is now equal. In many of them there is stern legislation against discrimination in industry because of color or race. Our high courts have outlawed segregation in transportation in many areas. No longer in these places can jammed crowds stand in one car while a few favored whites occupy several near-empty ones. If the progress continue that fair play must continue to be characteristic of democracy. And let every race be worthy of the privileges of equality. The test must be upon the character of the individual, not his color.

The Unity of the Spirit

In the area of the spiritual, however, the most convincing evidence. Here, the sons of God, purchased by the Calvary sacrifice of the same Lord, resolutely standing together to do His will, there is no room for division. If we are the sons of the Father, we are surely brothers together. To live without prejudice is the Christian way. The salvation of the world is the Christian way. The salvation of the world in this day is dependent upon the recognition of the real worth of the individual, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin. Living in and through Christ will enable us to see the real worth of every individual. The knowledge of Him as personal Savior and the "constraining love of Christ" will enable us to understand and love our fellowmen, if we wish to try. There is no color line at the foot of the Cross.

Daily Readings

M., Feb. 2. A Grateful Ethiopian. Acts 8:37
T., Feb. 3. No Man Common in God's Sight. Matt. 7:1
W., Feb. 4. Unbiased Judgment. Acts 10:28
Th., Feb. 5. Not Judging Our Brother. Matt. 7:1
F., Feb. 6. Not Judged by Appearance. James 2:1
S., Feb. 7. The True Neighbor. Luke 10:29
Sun., Feb. 8. Topic — Color Is Skin Deep. Mal. 2:10-11
Acts 17:22-31. (Race Relations Sunday.)

The White Fraction of Humanity

First Topic in a Series on "To Think, Clearly, Without Confusion"
Acts 17:22-31; Ephesians 2:11-22
(Race Relations Sunday)

Our Aim

- 1. To see how indecision hinders us and the use of Christ.
- 2. To profit from the experience of others in thinking clearly.
- 3. To note that Jesus expects us to put first things first.

Getting Started

You may have a true-false test ready. Have the group check the questions just as they arrive. After all have had opportunity to check, read each one and ask the members to raise their hands at the proper time and tell if their answer was determined by—

- 1. Prejudice.
- 2. By what they read in the newspapers.
- 3. By what some friend said.
- 4. By a "feeling" about it.
- 5. By honest study of facts.

The questions are not for discussion, but to see factors involved in making up one's mind.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- 1. Jews are gaining more and more control of the United States.
- 2. Woman's place is in the home.
- 3. The Negro, even when given equal opportunities, will never be equal to the white race.
- 4. Mixed marriages between Catholics and Protestants rarely work out successfully.
- 5. The tendency of our government after any crisis usually is away from democracy, and we toward a totalitarian form of government.
- 6. There is no sure way of knowing between right and wrong.

He Couldn't Make Up His Mind

Some years ago painstaking historians discovered literally thousands of old yellow manuscripts hidden away in the huge palace at once had been the retreat of Philip II of Spain. Some were dispatches from generals pleading for immediate reinforcements. Others were messages from governors imploring instant help. Yet others had come from judges and councilors begging for speedy decisions in weighty matters of state. All of them were endorsed in the cracked, careless writing of the king with the words, "Delay" or "Postpone." Philip was never able to make a decision when it could be avoided. He had neither the mental equipment nor the moral courage that makes deciding possible and when he died, the glory, wealth and power that was Spain's had totally disappeared.

He Made Up His Mind About Christ

The young Roman statesman, Marcellus, from Lloyd Douglas makes the hero of a stirring novel, "The Robe," was no different from the other men of his day. His decision to follow the Galilean was neither silly nor speedily made. The emperor ordered him that if he did not give up his

THOUGHT PROVOKERS

- 1. What do we mean by "making up my own mind"?
- 2. Why is making up my own mind such an important matter?
- 3. What are the aids we can use in making up our minds?
- 4. Write on the blackboard this proverb: "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Discuss what this means.
- 5. Do prejudices show strength or weakness?
- 6. Not long ago in Georgia, Macie Snipes was stabbed by white men. Shortly afterward, two Negro men and their wives were lynched by a band of twenty white men. Something was wrong! Were these white men conscious that these Negroes were people? Why did they lynch these people with black skins? Did they hate them? Was there prejudice in their hearts? Does the Bible have something to say about the causes of such a crime?

foolish obsession about Jesus, Diana, his sweetheart, would be married to Prince Gaius. But no such threat could dissuade Marcellus. He had not spent for nothing those long, weary months in Palestine. Out of that experience he had gained a real understanding of what Jesus meant when he said, "He that loves mother or father more than me is not worthy of me."

Our Difficulty

The fact must be faced that one of the most difficult things in life is this very task of making up our minds! It is not easy to make important decisions. Often we do not appreciate this because we tend to see only the results. We do not see the conflict in a person's mind where the pros and cons clash before the choice is made. Decisions are the big things in life and the greatest we make are the decisions concerning character.

Jesus presented a matchless character and those who aspire to live as He lived must decide to pattern their lives after Him. But unfortunately there are those who feel they do not have to make a decision concerning the embodiment of His principles into their lives. They try to balance themselves between their way and His. They can't make up their minds!

Yet the truth is this. We may not make

up our minds, but nothing can stop us from making up our lives! Our lives are molded in some kind of a pattern every day, regardless of the indecision of our minds concerning noble Christian choices.

A Good Procedure

Keep your head cool—your feet warm—your mind busy. Don't worry over trifles. Plan your work ahead, then stick to it rain or shine. Don't waste sympathy on yourself. If you are a gem someone will find you. Don't whine or tell other people you are a failure or they will believe you. Talk and act like a winner and in time you will be one.

One of the greatest gifts that we have is our power of choice. The power and privilege to make up our own minds is ours. This gift can also be dangerous, because the destiny of our own soul may depend upon how to make up our mind.

To Improve Our Ability

Some of the ways that we may improve the powers of our minds are private prayer, daily meditation upon great themes, Bible reading, acts of Christian service, etc. (Add other ways as your discussion develops.)

Being Christian in Racial Attitudes

This is *Race Relations Sunday*. Let us ask how we can help white people to achieve Christian attitudes. Someone has said that God has placed persons of various races and creeds in America in an effort to see whether or not various races can live together in Christian brotherhood; that if the experiment works here, Christianity will work; that if it fails, to that extent Christianity has failed. If that is true, what a responsibility rests upon the local young people of any church!

If we are to achieve a Christian attitude toward the worth of individual persons, followers of the Man of Galilee must, of necessity, see persons as *persons* and not as *JEWS, NEGROES, POOR WHITES, CAPITALISTS, MILL WORKERS, FARMERS*.

The youth group, as a group, must study in an effort to be well informed and to have appreciation for the contribution the various races have made to American culture, American science, literature, music, and religion. The only original music that America has produced, someone had said, is the Negro music. A Negro, born a slave, George Washington Carver, was made a Fellow of the British Scientific Society. Christianity owes what it is today to a Person reared in the Jewish tradition. No "Christian" dare call himself that name without remembering that it was the Jewish race that produced the Old Testament and made possible the coming of the Son of God into a lowly Jewish home.

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Humanity's Oneness

I Samuel 1:3; Matthew 22:34-40; I Corinthians 8:12,13; I Thessalonians 3:12,13
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This week we observe Brotherhood Sunday as we think on the topic "Humanity's Oneness." The oneness of man is based on our love for God and His love for us. The first and greatest commandment gives the proper emphasis to the topic. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:37-39.) The leader should point out who our neighbor is and that when we sin against our neighbor, we do likewise to our Lord. Right thinking people want peace and good will between neighbors and nations. The spirit of unity that Christ taught must be laid deep in the heart of mankind.

Aim of the Topic

1. To point out the unity between man and his neighbors.
2. To point out the unity of God the Father, and Christ His Son.
3. To point out the unity between God and man.

Oneness in Man

"Love thy neighbor as thyself." Everyone is inclined to think much of himself. God's Word says to think just as much of each other as one does of self. Although the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) was told primarily to illustrate how to inherit eternal life, the lesson of "who is my neighbor?" is outstanding. We find that he is anyone in need of help, or who gives help. Anyone, whether stranger or acquaintance, friend or enemy, native or foreigner, white or black, Christian or un-Christian, is our neighbor and brother.

There is unity in prayer. James 5:16 teaches "pray one for another." The old familiar quotation "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," is so true. Prayer unites one with the other as

each is a part of the other's prayer. God teaches us to pray for our enemies, for all who do us harm. There can be no doubt that such prayer would unite man with man. Prayer unites man in that each one prays to the same God.

All may come "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God—" (Ephesians 4:13). Everyone has the same privilege of knowing that "One greater" who creates, heals, leads, directs, answers. Nearly everyone has God's Word to give him the knowledge of Christ, and His disciples, to help, direct and inspire. We are one in this common knowledge and faith if we will accept it.

To look on the negative side, the Scripture reminds us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). There is even a unity in sin among mankind. No one is without sin but Christ. Men all stand on common ground here and each in need of God's forgiving grace.

Oneness in Deity

"I and my Father are one." (John 10:30). God, who created all things, saw man's need for a shepherd and Savior, and sent His only begotten Son to earth. He was commissioned to walk among men, to teach them, to lead them, and to save them. He was God among men. Man's natural instinct is to sin and because of this inclination God sacrificed His Son that man might have forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift for only believing this. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the God-head, was sent to dwell forever with and within the Sons of God. Thus, was a Divine unity created, for the blessing of all mankind, regardless of his color, class, or estate.

Oneness Between Man and Deity

Man and Deity are alike in several ways. As Christ walked on this earth and lived among His people he set a pattern and example for man. God's Word teaches in I Timothy 4:12, "—be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Each one is an example for good or for evil before others. The familiar words "You are the only Bible that some people will ever read" make one pause and think.

There are a number of Scriptural examples that show how man who sins against man, sins against Christ also. (Read I Corinthians 8:12). He tells us that to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the sick, etc., are all the same as doing those services of love for Him. Likewise, to ignore those needs, to falsely accuse, to quarrel, and to do the many foolish things

THINK FURTHER

1. What are some common likenesses among men? Name those given in the topic and add more.
2. What are some Biblical examples of human unity?
3. What is the greatest commandment?
4. What is the second greatest commandment?
5. How do these commandments relate themselves to the topic?
6. How does the Trinity or the Unity of Deity, affect our oneness?
7. Do you agree that all have nearly the same opportunity for knowledge of God? Give evidence.
8. How can one man affect another by his example for good? For bad? List our practices, both good and bad, that others follow.
9. What are some ways that man shows his attitude toward man?
10. What can we do to improve ourselves and help build greater unity with God and man?

against neighbors is the same as doing to Christ, Himself. What is done to His people is done to Him.

Largely as man judges man, will God judge man. "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). We are told different ways that we will be treated. God in the way we treat others. If one is so foolish as to set himself up as a judge to criticize and find fault with others then one will be more critically judged. Only God has that authority.

Oneness — Advance Together!

Realizing our oneness and unity we are strong—strong in Christ and strong in human unity. Whether it be a team of athletes, team of horses, team of dogs, or all other co-operative activity, there is success when all pull together.

As man realizes his oneness with man and with God he receives strength beyond his comprehension. We should go forward practicing the knowledge that we possess. Look upon others as you look upon yourself. Realize that you are to God as you are to His people. Recognize and understand the unity of the Deity. Christ looks upon us in the same way, and all have the same opportunity in His sight. To have brother—be one!

A SEED THOUGHT

"Ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28b.) Discuss.

Daily Readings

M., Feb. 9. Impartial Blessings. Isa. 61:10,11.
T., Feb. 10. One Body in Christ. Rom. 12:1-5.
W., Feb. 11. A Plea for Tolerance. Acts 15:5-11.
T., Feb. 12. All Stewards of God's Grace. I Peter 4:8-11.
F., Feb. 13. The Right Spirit. Phil. 2:1-4.
S., Feb. 14. Humility Needed. Luke 14:7-11.
Sun., Feb. 15. Topic—Humanity's Oneness. I Sam. 1:3; Matt. 22:34-40; I Cor. 8:12,13; I Thess. 3:12,13.
(Brotherhood Sunday.)

The Glory Of The Commonplace

Exodus 30:7,8; Matthew 25:31-46

Pattern for the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

The topic today has an interesting flavor. It should make a good meeting. Perhaps some special publicity might "drum up" some new interest and attendance among the young people of your church. Try a special pulpit announcement, a poster, an article in the local newspaper, and especially your telephones. The leader himself will have to be prepared to enter into the spirit of this topic. He must strive to see the importance of many little things that perhaps he has never noticed before. He should try to discipline himself to "feel" the commonplace things that are referred to in the Scripture reading and the topic. Then it will be easier to transmit this sense of importance to the society so they may share the "glory" of it.

By the way, as we have started a new Christian Endeavor year following the anniversary observance the beginning of February it will be wise if the leader tonight checks up to see how many copies of *The Christian Endeavor World* the society is receiving. Every officer, especially the president, vice-president, devotional committee chairman, and counsellor, should get a separate copy monthly. There are some needed, too, for the weekly leaders. For good meetings, at least five or more copies should be subscribed for by the Society (special rates are available). Bring the matter up today and take action. The best work cannot be done without adequate tools. This may seem "commonplace," but it is important.

Aim of the Topic

1. To see more clearly the importance of little things.
2. To find how to elevate the commonplace to the glorious.

How Big Is Big?

This is a question every man and woman should face as life begins to unfold. Much

A SEED THOUGHT

"Little is much when God is in it."

thought is rightly given in the matter of how to best use life, how to spend one's time, what causes to which to give one's energy, the really worthwhile things in life. The cause or program that seems biggest and most important usually is elected to be the one a person will follow and serve. Sometimes people get their values mixed. They set their sights on the wrong target. Things seem big and important when they are really insignificant, petty, or even harmful. Certainly financial gain is not a primary goal, nor is social position. Neither popularity nor prestige is fully worthy. Yet some folk spend all their time following these will-o'-the-wisps. They seldom gain them, and if they do, they often find them not worth the pursuit. Stop and think, how big is big? What are the really big things in life, the most important?

Little Things, But —

Some of the most important things of life are often thought to be of secondary importance. Many are even by-products of other things. They are the "mighty trifles" of life. It has been said that nine-tenths of life is drudgery. Great moments come but seldom. Yet Christ brings Heaven near the common duties and gives the loftiest motives for the lowliest tasks. Aaron, in the Scripture lesson today, trimming his lamps, Miriam watching her baby brother, Moses tending his father-in-law's flocks, Martha busy in her Bethany home, all these and others are doing little things, but they speak their own messages and purposes. Each one has its counterpart in the life of our day. Each has its parallel in your own lives and homes. The faithful doing of a task is often more important than the task itself. Not what we do but how we do it, makes the task a joy or a drudgery. "It's not what you say, it's how you say it—"

Let's look at a few values that are available to all who earnestly seek. Take friendship, for example. It has been described as "one heart in two bodies," and in other ways. It is one of the great values of life. But to have a friend, you have to be one.

What is the true glory of friendship?

Service is another commonplace thing that brings one of life's greatest blessings. The attitude of "What can I give?" rather than "What can I get?" is one of the determining factors of true success. We are told "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Service for God and man are man's chief opportunities.

What may be the cost to us if we truly strive to serve others?

Daily Readings

M., Feb. 16.	Watching Baby Brother.	Ex. 2:2
T., Feb. 17.	Tending Sheep.	Ex. 3:
W., Feb. 18.	Welcoming a Guest.	Luke 10:38
T., Feb. 19.	Only a Rod.	Ex. 4:
F., Feb. 20.	Little But Wise.	Prov. 30:24
S., Feb. 21.	Small Things Not Despised.	Zech. 4:6
Sun., Feb. 22.	Topic — The Glory of the Commonplace.	Ex. 30:7,8; Matt. 25:31-46.

Happiness is one of the simple things that makes life worthwhile. Yet happiness cannot be obtained by setting out to find it. It is a by-product of living. In the full sense it is a bonus by-product of life, a goal in itself. It can be attained by a person who is in the process of achieving goals which are, to him, worthwhile," said Dr. Arthur G. Bills, head of the University of Cincinnati, Department of Psychology.

What makes happiness for you?

Courtesy and thoughtfulness are little things, but they are so needed in this modern age. Young people especially are inclined to forget these gentle little practices. They do not do it purposely or from unkindness but merely because they do not take time to think of their importance and to themselves in the place of others. The Golden Rule is in order here.

What are some thoughtful courtesies that might extend others in our homes? In our neighborhood? In our schools? Name other places.

All to the Glory of God

This is the final test of value, and of glory; does it glorify God or not, and is it pleasing? Intimate fellowship with the Lord is not always set as a primary goal of young people, but it's one of the most important. To so live as to be "in tune" with our Heavenly Father and to strive to know His will may seem commonplace but it is the most glorious thing a human being can experience.

How can close fellowship with God bring real joy and glory to us?

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. Name some phases of the Christian Endeavor program that seem commonplace but yet are important.
2. Describe in your own words how something that appears simple or commonplace can be made glorious.
3. Name several simple deeds of thoughtfulness that a society might undertake for others. What might an individual do in this way for others?

Where Do My Prejudices Come From?

Third Topic in a Series on "To Think, Clearly, Without Confusion"
Colossians 4:1-5; Matthew 7:1-5

Our Aims

1. To look fairly at our prejudices.
2. To analyze how our prejudices develop.
3. To discover ways to promote better understanding among people of different backgrounds.

Where We Start

Prejudice and discrimination usually come from ignorance—ignorance of the other fellow's religion, ignorance of the scientific facts about race, ignorance of all the many peoples who together made America the great country it is. You can help dispel that ignorance with truth—and you can have fun doing it.

Brotherhood Week is a fine opportunity for mixing good citizenship with play and there is little reason to stop when the week is out. Invite in a Jewish or Negro group to your Christian Endeavor, put on a dramatic production, use a Negro choir or drum group. The important thing is to get started—and don't be afraid to ask your adult leaders for help.

If you are starting from scratch, you might want to look at a few easy-to-read books, like Benedict and Welfish's "The Prejudices of Mankind"; Kenneth Gould's "Theape-goats of History"; Hortense Powdermaker's "Probing Our Prejudices."

For that song collection, try Irving Caesar's "Sing a Song of Friendship"; La Roche and Robinson's "The Ballad for Americans"; Allen and Robinson's "The House I Live In" and Harold Rome's "Hymn To the United Nations."

If your dramatic urges are uppermost, there are some interesting playlets to look to: "My Country 'Tis" by Althea Osborn Verman, in the book "Democracy Days," published by Dodd Mead; "Divide and Conquer" by Bob Russell and Allan Sloane, published by Greene Publishing Co., 125 Riverside Drive, N. Y.; and a series of dramatizations called "Let Freedom Ring" that can be obtained from the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Ave., N. Y. For more suggestions and information, write to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 381 Fourth Ave., N. Y., or bring a quick reply, and so will a card to the Bureau for Intercultural Education, 97 Broadway, N. Y.; the Community Relations Service, 386 Fourth Ave., N. Y.; or the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 West 40th Street, N. Y.

There's lots to do, and lots of help in getting it. The rest is up to you.

Where Did You Get Your Prejudices?

Prejudice is not inherited. It is not innate. Prejudice is learned. Psychologists show the young child is not prejudiced until he has been subjected to cultural influences. If Christ were saying to us today, "Suffer the little children to come unto

ANSWER THESE

1. Would you object to having a member of another race on your ball team?
2. Is it fair to judge a whole race by the acts of a few of its members?
3. Do you let your feelings about intermarriage block your thinking on an important problem like unfair employment practices?
4. Do you think your race is superior to all others?
5. Do you call members of minority groups by disrespectful names?
6. Would you refuse to sit by a member of another race on the bus? Or at communion?
7. Do you believe all the rumors about other races you hear without looking up the facts?
8. Do you believe that the race problem can be solved by segregation?
9. Do you invite members of other races to your home?
10. Would you like to have more friends among people of other races?

me," he would be pleading that the minds of youth should not be perverted by misinformed adults or by professional hate mongers.

Segregation is the cornerstone of racial prejudice in America. It separates racial groups on artificial grounds and keeps different races from knowing and understanding each other. Segregation is essential to prejudice because it constantly symbolizes the idea and maintains the myth of inferiority. This is the true aim of segregation.

What do you think we can do to overcome segregation practices?

How Can We Destroy Prejudice?

Everyone can help to make America a united country—and thus a strong country. Here are some suggestions:

1. Be a loyal Christian. Love God most of all and honor Him by loving your neighbors. Pray for your neighbors, serve them, seek their eternal welfare.
2. Be a good neighbor. As a good neighbor, you'll help your friends recognize and rid themselves of poisonous and divisive misconceptions. Simply by knowing people, by learning to respect them for the men and women they are, regardless of creed or race or color, you'll learn the good and the true . . . thereby displacing all misunderstandings and envy, and all shreds of unseeing, unreasoning, unholy hatreds.
3. Refuse to spread lies and rumors about

people of a different race or religion. The enemies of our unity try in every possible way to make us all hate our neighbors and so betray our Christian faith. If they succeed, we shall be a divided nation. If they fail, we shall be a united nation. Stop those who would divide us by refusing to repeat their lies and rumors.

4. Realize that men must be evaluated as individuals, not as members of groups. Remember it is not for us to estimate men by color, race, creed, or national origin, but by the character of their lives—alone.

Christian Youth Can Aid

After Christian youth has learned to question erroneous racial beliefs and myths, there still remains the second task of taking a positive stand and a positive course of action. Often we fail to stand up for our convictions if we think they are unpopular or if they are not embraced by the majority of people around us. The racial clichés would be discarded if Christians, after thinking the matter through, had the courage to challenge these ideas.

(A cliché is a threadbare, overworked, emotionally tinged word-capsule that is used as a substitute for a meaningful statement. We must learn to spot the many such statements in the area of racial relations. These race clichés beg the question, ignore truth and logic and appeal to emotions rather than reason. You have heard all the following and more:

"Negroes are lazy and shiftless, you can't depend on them . . . of course, there are some exceptions."

"Pay a Negro as much as a white man and he will get big ideas."

"Negroes are all right as long as they keep in their place.")

Perhaps the next positive action in removing racial barriers will be when some Christian church in America makes it a practice that men of differently colored skins shall share the same pews as they share the same Christ. Young people have not only the right to expect, but also the responsibility to see to it that Christian Endeavor is free of racial prejudice.

You Can Do Something

1. Talk to six people in your community about how existing race prejudice can be overcome and report what they suggest.

2. Check your local newspaper for a week, marking with a red pencil items that foster race prejudice and blue pencil those that tend to improve race relations. Display the paper at your meeting and comment on the balance between the two.

3. If magazines, comic books, radio or television programs reveal any race prejudice or ridicule or express bitterness toward minority races, nationalities or religions write protest letters to the editors or stations.

Daily Readings

- M., Feb. 16. Thinking for Ourselves. II Tim. 2:14-16.
T., Feb. 17. Home Town Prejudice. Matt. 13:53-58.
W., Feb. 18. Nathaniel Loses His Prejudice. John 1:46-49.
T., Feb. 19. Christ Overcomes Prejudice. John 4:5-10.
F., Feb. 20. Christ Must Be All in All. Col. 3:10-15.
S., Feb. 21. All One in Christ. Gal. 3:26-28.
Sun., Feb. 22. Topic—Where Do My Prejudices Come From? Col. 4:1-5; Matt. 7:1-5.



Ontario Endeavorers in Convention

A portion of the delegates attending the 44th annual convention of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Union is shown in front of the Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard, a vice-presi-

dent of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, the featured speaker of the gathering. James Laing of Hamilton, was elected president succeeding Ray Zimmermann of Fort Erie.

NEW STATE LEADERS



Frances Van Dyk



Ed Milling

Frances Van Dyk of Grand Rapids, now heads the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union. She succeeded LaVerne H. Boss. The new president of the Texas Union is Ed Milling who lives in Houston. He followed Patsy Nixon.

Leaders Expect

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J. Allen Tucker described the coming International Tour.

Program Council Officers

Officers of the Program Council were elected as follows: Rev. Calvin C. Meury, chairman; Paul F. Hurley, vice chairman, and Dr. Gene Stone, executive secretary.

The following were chosen to serve on the committees of the council:

Educational — B. McClain Cochran, chairman; Rev. Gillard Evans, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Rev. William N. Gibson, Dr. Samuel S. Haas, Rev. Clarence Kopp, Jr., Christian E. MacAskill, Rev. Calvin C. Meury, and Dr. R. W. Rash.

Topics — Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, chairman; Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, LaVerne H. Boss, Bert H. Davis, Rev. Elwood Dunn, Rev. Ivan Frick, Rev. Alice Griffin, Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard, Rev. James K. Rapp, and Dr. Raymond Veh.

Junior Work — Viroqua Nadolf, chairman; June Forrester, Nellie V. Griffin, Mrs. Warren D. Henry, Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Dorothy Kling, and Margaret Paugh.

Rev. Elwood Dunn Honored

Tribute was paid to Rev. Elwood Dunn who served for two years as chairman of the Program Council.

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vite them as guest to special luncheons and dinners," Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, executive secretary of New Jersey Union, declared to be helpful as he spoke on "Our Approach to the Pastor of the Local Church."

Julian Moran of Leroy, Indiana, was re-elected as president of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference. Other officers selected were LaVerne H. Boss, vice-president; Phyllis Foos, secretary, and James G. Laing, treasurer. Nominees to the Executive Committee of the International Society were Charles O. Heyward and Julian Moran. Dr. Frederick L. Mintel conducted the installation service.



Reception for Dr. Poling . . .

La Nelle Musch of McAllen, Texas, serves Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's C.E. Union, at meeting in his honor October 19 at Dallas. Dr. Poling was the principal speaker at the religious festival of the Texas State Fair in the Cotton Bowl. Among the Christian Endeavor leaders present were Ed Milling, Houston; Patsy Nixon, Pearland; Ruth Cornwell Kirsch, Dallas; J. C. Estes, Tyler; Fred B. Porter, Fort Worth; Betty Ann Hughes, Edinburg; Jack B. Graf, Mercedes; Johnny Jordan, Denton; Elizabeth Feltner Stephenson, San Marcos; Ben Hallock, Abilene; Rev. Francis Smythe, Houston; Clarence C. Braden, Jefferson; Rev. and Mrs. H. Reed, Fort Worth; Lloyd McCrory Sandifer, Houston, and Mrs. W. D. Walker, Rylie.

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TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

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| Feb. 1. | Strive to Know Christ. | I Tim. 4:1 |
| Feb. 8. | Christian Foundations of Our Country. | I Cor. 3: |
| Feb. 15. | Christian Citizens Are Color Blind. | Acts 17:2 |
| Feb. 22. | Christian Citizens Don't Gamble. | Exodus 20:1 |

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- c) Community service and evidence of interest and leadership in civic affairs and duties (encouraging registration for voting, efforts to combat Communism and other evils which threaten life and security).
- d) Interest and participation in the local church, denominational and inter-church activities. Leadership in youth work, camps, conferences and conventions.

Each of the above four sub-points listed receive equal consideration in the judgment.

All letters and Christian citizenship service records become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The contestant agrees to abide by the decisions of the judges which are final.

Procedure for Judging

By State or Province

February 2 — Last date for individual to send *Notification of Participation* to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio.

March 1 — Completed letter and Christian citizenship service record must be in hands of the board of judges of the contestant's state or province.

March 20 — The highest ranking youth contestant will be selected by the state or provincial board of judges (appointed by the state or provincial Christian Endeavor Union and approved by the International Society).

By Region

April 10 — The two highest ranking youth contestants will be selected by each regional board of judges and the winners announced. The first place winner in each of the nine regions will be eligible for the International awards as listed below. The runner-up in each of the nine regions will receive a cash award of \$25.00.

International

April 30 — Highest ranking youth contestant in North America (United States and Canada) will be selected by the International Board of Judges and the winner announced shortly thereafter. The winner will receive a \$250.000 cash award and an all-expense trip to the 42nd Convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, to be held in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27, 1953.

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Am I My Brother's Keeper?

IN INDIA I asked myself this question when I saw thousands of homeless sleeping in the streets of Calcutta and Bombay. When I saw half starved children and "hunger limp" babies like the one above.

IN KOREA (My schedule did not permit me to examine the 28 orphanages in which CCF assists Korean children). There is only ugliness and misery in Korea. Wandering refugees, little ragged children, destroyed homes. There is hardly a family not broken, fathers taken prisoners or shot, mothers abused and carried off or left dead behind a broken wall. A destroyed country of rubble, rags, disease, hunger and human misery.

IN JAPAN in the Elizabeth Saunders Home for GI babies, deserted by their American fathers, and 18 other CCF orphanages, all over-crowded. IN GERMANY where I saw some of the several million people who are refugees in their own country. Those who escaped from East Germany won their freedom at great cost. Few families escaped intact. Children, parents, wives and husbands shot down or dragged off to labor camps. Those who escaped are destitute. They can't find work and have inadequate food and shelter.

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